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Man Charged with Attacking Real Estate Agents, Other Women

An Encino man was charged today with assaulting or groping five women, including two real estate agents during open houses, this year in the San Fernando Valley, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alen Karaboghosian (dob 12/15/73) was charged in case LA091354 with one felony count of assault with intent to commit rape and four misdemeanor counts of sexual battery.

Arraignment is scheduled this afternoon in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Karaboghosian is accused of attacking a real estate agent on Sept. 22 in Encino after she showed him a house listed for sale. He allegedly pushed her to the ground in an attempt to sexually assault her, according to Deputy District Attorney Brendan Sullivan.

In four previous incidents dating back to February, Karaboghosian is accused of groping another real estate agent during an open house and three other women on public streets, the prosecutor said.

He was arrested on Sept. 25.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of eight years in state prison if convicted as charged.

The prosecutor is recommending that bail be set at \$180,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, West Valley Division.

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